



Salem District Project Update

Bureau of Land Management

March 2003

Letter to the Public

The Salem District Planning Update is published to provide information about specific projects; both on going and planned. If you have information or opinions relating to these projects, please share them with us. Your comments and concerns are welcome and may influence the final decision on these planned projects.

The Planning Update will be regularly posted on the Salem District internet site. If you wish to help us save paper and postage costs or if you no longer wish to receive this Update through the mail, please contact Mary Shires at 503-375-5621. Specific contact information for each project is listed in the tables included in this Project Update.

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- Through our Salem District WEB Site at www.or.blm.gov/salem;
- Or by E-mail at Salem_Mail@blm.gov.

On the Salem District WEB site you will find: the Annual Program Summary, the current Project Update, our current Resource Management Plan information, environmental assessments, selected watershed analyses, and the Northwest Forest Plan. The web site also has a personnel directory, photographs, maps, recreation information and other miscellaneous information related to the Salem District Office. We encourage you to review the site and offer suggestions for additions and improvements. Contact: Tim Jacobsson at 503-375-5641.

Thanks for your continued interest in natural resource management.

Sincerely,


District Manager

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000
Bureau of Land Management Salem District
Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)
Fiscal Year 2002 & 2003 Currently Active Projects Status Report**

Date: January 2003

Multi-county

Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Partnership (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA analysis is not required or applicable.

Implementation method: A contractor funded through Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and BLM Student Conservation Association resource assistants will complete the work.

On-the-ground accomplishments:

November 2002 – Cascade Pacific Conservation and Development (CPRC&D) Noxious Weed Outreach/Education project application for the Partnership. Award notification in March 2003.

December 2002 - A Weed Management Area (WMA) feasibility process was initiated with the development of a noxious weed questionnaire, a Q&A sheet, and cover letter, which has been distributed to 100+ Willamette Basin residents and organizations through CPRC&D and other venues.

January 2003 - Prepared and distribute an job announcement for a Noxious Weed Cooperative Partnership Consultant through CPRC&D. Noxious Weed presentations have been given to the following groups, Marion SWCD, East Lane SWCD, False Brome Work group, Polk County SWCD, and Cascade Pacific RC&D Board.

Projected completion: The following activities will be initiated and completed by early fall 2003. An interagency work group comprised of BLM, USFS, ODA, Marion County, Cascade Pacific RC&D, Portland Parks and Recreation and East Multnomah SWCD is providing oversight and guidance for the project. The group will meet in February and March of 2003.

February 2003

- Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership advisory committee will meet.
- Solicit partner input to develop a list of priority Noxious Weed Outreach & Education information materials.
- Summarize WMA questionnaire contributions.

March 2003

- Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership advisory committee will meet to review the WMA questionnaire results and develop recommendations to guide WMA Coordinator work plan and RAC pre-proposal development
- WMA recommendations distributed to questionnaire participants. 2004 Title II RAC application partnerships developed.
- Noxious weed consultant starts work.

April 2003 - Submit new FY04 Title II Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Management Partnership project application for ongoing support of Partnership capacity and outreach/education

Spring/Summer/Fall 2003 - WMA Steering Committee Development/Planning/Prioritization, etc.

Benton County

Benton Foothills Road Restoration (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA is complete. Through a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Endangered Species Act (ESA) process is complete (programmatic Section 7 consultation) Engineering is in process.

Implementation method: The work will be done by BLM road maintenance crew.

On-the-ground accomplishments: On-the-ground work is expected to be completed by March 31, 2003. Work will commence shortly. The culvert has been purchased and stockpiled in the maintenance yard.

Projected completion: March 31, 2003

South Fork Road Improvement (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA, ESA and T&E are complete.

Implementation method: The work will be done by county personnel and perhaps subcontractors. Cooperative agreement Between Benton County and BLM is completed.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Work being done now is engineering, survey and design. On-the-ground work is expected to begin in Summer of 2003 on the funded portion of the project.

Projected completion: Summer of 2003.

Honeygrove Tributary Creek Passage (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: DNA & ESA Complete

Implementation method: Cooperative Agreement with Benton County

On-the-ground accomplishments: Assistance agreement completed.

Projected completion: Summer/fall 2003.

Green Creek Culvert and Stream Restoration (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: DNA & ESA Complete

Implementation method: Cooperative Agreement with Benton County

On-the-ground accomplishments: Assistance agreement completed.

Projected completion: Summer/fall 2003.

Fish Passage and Habitat Assessment Program (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA analysis not required

Implementation method: Cooperative agreement with Benton SWCD

On-the-ground accomplishments: Assistance agreement completed.

Projected completion: October 1, 2003.

Clackamas County

Illegal Dumping Prevention & Cleanup (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: None required.

Implementation method: Assistance Agreement.

On-the-ground accomplishments: The Assistance Agreement is being reviewed. Public meetings are scheduled and disposal contracts are ready.

Projected completion: Sept 2003.

Columbia County

Cedar Creek Fish Passage Restoration (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Construction contract is awarded. This is a joint contract with "Maintenance of BLM Roads" on Cedar Creek Road.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Work is scheduled to occur during summer 2003 in-water work period.

Projected completion: September 2003.

Maintenance of BLM Roads (Columbia Co.) (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Contract is awarded. This is a joint contract with "Cedar Creek Fish Passage Restoration".

On-the-ground accomplishments: Approximately 90% of the work is completed. The remaining work is scheduled for Summer 2003 in-water work period.

Projected completion: September 2003.

East Fork Nehalem River Assessment (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA Section 7 Consultation are not applicable. This work is an assessment only.

Implementation method: An assistance agreement between BLM and Nehalem Watershed Council is in place.

On-the-ground accomplishments: The Council's assessment work began in fall 2002 and is expected to continue through much of 2003.

Projected completion: December 2003.

Pisgah Home Road (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA efforts will be completed in February-March 2003.

Implementation method: An assistance agreement between BLM and Columbia County Road Department is anticipated. John Hancock is also a partner in this project; they anticipate contributing rock for the road.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Work is expected to occur in the spring or fall 2003 by the Columbia County Road Department.

Projected completion: Summer 2003.

Nehalem Riparian Restoration (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA efforts will be initiated in fall 2003.

Implementation method: An assistance agreement between BLM and the Nehalem Watershed Council is anticipated.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Spring 2003.

Projected completion: Summer 2003.

Lincoln County

Lincoln County Knotweed (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA not required. ESA ongoing; waiting for BO from NOAA Fisheries.

Implementation method: Cooperative agreement between BLM & Lincoln County

On-the-ground accomplishments: Cooperative agreement still needs to be completed.

Projected completion: Fall/Winter 2003

Big Elk Creek Riparian Project (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA is complete.

Implementation method: Local landowners, with project management by ODFW biologist. An agreement with Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, who is the fiscal agent for ODFW has been signed.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Although companion project on federal lands is completed, the project on private lands will be initiated and completed this spring/summer. *Projected*

completion: Targeted completion date for the portion of the project funded is Summer 2003.

Linn County

Law Enforcement Agreement (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Done

Implementation method: Assistance Agreement signed.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Officer in the field

Projected completion: Fall 2003.

Yellowbottom Access Road repair/culverts (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Done

Implementation method: Advertised contract. Contract preparation is ongoing. If more of this project is going to be funded this year it would make sense to include all the work in one contract.

On-the-ground accomplishments: None

Projected completion: Summer 2003.

Thomas Creek Variable Density LSR Thinning (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Analysis begun fall 2002.

Implementation method: Contract

On-the-ground accomplishments: Initial field review & stand exams completed.

Projected completion: 2005

Thomas Creek LSR Young Stand Management (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Analysis began fall 2002.

Implementation method: Contract

On-the-ground accomplishments: Initial field review completed.

Projected completion: 2005

Marion County

Butte Creek Fish Habitat Restoration (2003)

Important Note: After additional field review the BLM Fisheries Biologist determined that a lack of access and a lack of suitable logs made the project unfeasible. The BLM Field Manager decided that the project should not be implemented as planned. The funds should be made available for future Marion County projects recommended by the RAC.

North Fork Noxious Weed Removal (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: None yet.

Implementation method: Assistance agreement with County.

On-the-ground accomplishments: None

Projected completion: September 2003.

8-3E-25.4 Road Culvert Removals (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA consultation complete

Implementation method: Contract

On-the-ground accomplishments: Initial field examination and design.

Projected completion: Fall 2003.

Polk County

Beck Road Oak Release (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: Environmental assessment is complete. Public review of the EA will be in February 2003. All preparatory work is currently being done or will be done in the near future.

Implementation method: NEPA and preparatory work will be done by BLM personnel. National Fire Plan and regular appropriations will be used to complete the project.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Work is expected to begin in Summer of 2003.

Projected completion: Targeted completion date for the portion of the project funded is 2003/2004.

Note: When this project application was initiated, section 204 (e) 3 (A) was overlooked. That section requires that a certain percentage of projects that result in the sales of merchantable materials, must be implemented as part of a pilot program with separate contracts for

1. Harvest or collection of merchantable materials and
2. The sale of such material.

Given this fact, another project application was prepared to cover the additional contract cost that would be involved in implementing this project. The RAC did not recommend funding these contract costs. The project will be implemented using traditional lump sum timber sale methods.

Tillamook County

Riparian Restoration Plant Stock (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA Section 7 Consultation are not applicable. This project only addresses the growing of plant stock.

Implementation method: Assistance agreement between BLM and Tillamook County SWCD.

On-the-ground accomplishments: The growing facility has been constructed.

Projected completion: Plant stock should be produced by February 2003 and 2004.

Southern Flame Density Management (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA efforts have been initiated.

Implementation method: A commercial timber sale contract is the anticipated implementation tool.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Project work is expected on the ground in 2005 through 2008.

Projected completion: 2008.

Washington County

Maintenance of BLM Roads (Washington Co.) (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Salem BLM Road Maintenance crew.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Work began in September 2002 on the Roaring Creek Rd in the North Yamhill River Watershed but was not completed before fall rains. Vehicle access to the road segment is restricted for the winter to minimize resource impacts to the adjacent stream.

Disturbed soils were seeded and sediment barriers placed.

Projected completion: September 2003.

Dairy Creek Riparian and Fish Habitat Restoration (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Service contract.

On-the-ground accomplishments: In-stream structures are being designed during winter-spring 2003. Stream work is expected during the summer 2003 in-water work period.

Projected completion: October 2003.

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000
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Summary of Completed Projects**

Linn County

South Santiam Gauging Stations (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Consulting with South Santiam Watershed Council on what is needed and who will install and operate the gauges.

Implementation method: Assistance Agreement.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Gauges installed fall 2002.

Tillamook County

Upper Nestucca Watershed Road Drainage (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Contract. The bids received were higher than the government estimate. Jobs in the Woods program funds were used to supplement the County Payments funds to assure completion of the entire project.

On-the-ground accomplishments: Work was initiated in August 2002 and completed in mid October as planned.

Other Project Information

Marion County

Butte Creek Fish Habitat Restoration (2003)

Important Note: After additional field review the BLM Fisheries Biologist determined that a lack of access and a lack of suitable logs made the project unfeasible. The BLM Field Manager decided that the project should not be implemented as planned. The funds should be made available for future Marion County projects recommended by the RAC.

Explanatory comments concerning following tables:

Proposed actions are organized by project type, project name/description, location, planning status, and contact person. Some typical stages of planning a project include the following:

Developing Proposed Action -A site-specific proposal, called a Proposed Action, is developed to move the existing condition of an area towards a desired condition or result.

Scoping -Public comment is sought on the Proposed Action. Comments are used to refine the proposal or to identify issues which will define the scope of analysis and alternatives to be considered.

Developing Alternatives -A range of alternatives is developed based on the issues raised during scoping, while addressing the purpose and need for the project.

Analyzing Effects - The effects of implementing the alternative(s) are determined and documented in an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), EA (Environmental Assessment), CX (Categorical Exclusion) or DNA (Determination of NEPA Adequacy).

Comment Period - Comments are generally sought for 60 days on a draft EIS, and for 30 days on an EA and FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). There are no established comment periods for a CX or DNA. Comment periods are established commensurate with anticipated level of public interest.

Notice of Decisions - Notice of decisions from an EIS and EA will be published in “a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the lands affected by the decision are located” and sent to those who have requested such. Notices of decision from an EIS will also be published in the Federal Register. Notice for projects which qualify as a CX or DNA will be available for public review at the appropriate Field Office.

Abbreviations Used in Tables:

EA	= Currently planned documentation is an <i>Environmental Assessment</i>
CX	= Currently planned documentation is a <i>Categorical Exclusion</i>
DNA	= Currently planned documentation is a <i>Determination of NEPA Adequacy</i>
LUA	= Land Use Allocation
JITW	= Jobs-In-The-Woods
ERFO	= Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads

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Cascades Resource Area Proposed Projects			
Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Vegetation Management Actions			
Precommercial Thinning (CX) – Approximately 800 acres of young conifer plantations would be thinned. Work will take place in Matrix, Riparian Reserve and LSR land use allocations. Within the Matrix and Riparian Reserves, the purpose would be to increase growth and yield on selected crop trees. Within the LSR, the primary purpose of the thinning would be to promote the development of late successional forest conditions.	Cascades Resource Area-wide	Analysis ongoing. CX to be prepared by May 2003. Work planned to start in July 2003.	Dugan Bonney (503) 315-5915
Manual Maintenance (CX) – Approximately 300 acres of young conifer plantations in both Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations would be treated by cutting competing brush and hardwood trees. The purpose would be to ensure survival and growth of planted conifer trees.	Cascade Resource Area-wide	Analysis ongoing. CX to be prepared by March 2003. Work is planned to start in July 2003.	Colin Rabe (503) 375-5625
Invasive Weed Management (EA# OR 080-02-02) The objectives are to establish an integrated weed management program for the Cascades Resource Area. All treatments would be considered, including herbicide application with hand application to certain weed species.	Cascades Resource Area	EA completion projected for January 2003.	Barb Raible 503-375-5687
Pesticide Use at Horning (EA) - Pesticide use for control of weeds, plant diseases, and insect infestations on 30 acres of native plant materials production beds.	Horning SO Sec.13,T4S,R3E	Scoping Plan to complete EA in Spring 2003.	Marilyn Lowery
Clear Dodger (EA) - Approximately 170 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and/or commercial thinning.	T4S, R4E Sections 13, 23, 24 and 25 approximately 6 miles south of Estacada, Oregon in the Middle and Lower Clackamas River Watersheds.	Analysis ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Spring 2003.	Randy Herrin (503) 315-5924

Cascades Resource Area Proposed Projects			
Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Hillock (EA) - Approximately 580 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and commercial thinning.	T5S, R4E Sections 12, 14, 24 and 26 approximately 12 miles south of Estacada, Oregon in the Middle Clackamas River Watershed.	Analysis and surveys ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Summer 2003.	Randy Herrin (503) 315-5924
Lulay Camp (EA) - Approximately 200 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for commercial thinning.	T10S, R1E, Sections 19, 29 and 33 approximately 10 miles southwest of Mehama, Oregon in the Thomas Creek and Crabtree Creek Watersheds.	Analysis and surveys ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Spring 2003.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Roaring River (EA) - Approximately 200 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for commercial thinning.	T11S, R1E, Sections 1 & 3 approximately 10 miles south of Mehama, Oregon in the Crabtree Creek Watershed.	Analysis and surveys ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Spring 2003.	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Sinker Swim (EA # OR-080-01-20) Approximately 160 acres of Matrix lands have been assessed for regeneration and/or partial harvest and commercial thinning.	T8S, R3E, Sections 27, 34, 35 approximately 6 miles northeast of Mill City, Oregon in the Little North Santiam River Watershed.	EA and public review have been completed (Sept. 2002), and a decision is pending.	Randy Herrin (503) 315-5924
Turnridge (EA # OR-080-03-02) Approximately 190 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and/or partial cut harvest of mature stands and commercial thinning of immature stands.	T10S, R3E Sections 1, 3, 5 and 11 approximately 3 miles southeast of Mill City, Oregon in the Middle North Santiam River Watershed.	EA completed and made public in Nov. 2002.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
South M&M (EA) - Approximately 330 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and/or partial cut harvest of mature stands and commercial thinning of immature stands.	T12S, R3E, Sections 18, 19, 20 & 30 approximately 12 miles NE of Sweet Home, Oregon in the Quartzville Creek Watershed.	Analysis ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Summer 2003.	Vince Cargile (503) 315-5920

CASCADES RESOURCE AREA			
Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Watershed Restoration Actions			
North Fork Eagle Creek Fish Habitat Enhancement (EA) The project would involve helicopter placement of up to 100 large logs in N.F. Eagle Creek, on Longview Fibre Co. lands, using logs purchased from LVF with \$ from an OWEB grant applied for by ODFW.	T3S, R 4E, Sections 12, 13, 14 and T3S, R 5E, Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, in the North Fork Eagle Creek subdrainage of the Eagle Creek Watershed.	EA completed May 20, 2002 Decision signed Sept. 5, 2002	Dave Roberts (503) 375-5672
Big Creek/Sinker Creek Road Drainage Repairs. This project will replace, repair, or add culverts to improve road drainage systems. May include removing failing log fills and/or log bridges, and establishing ditches and waterbars to reduce erosion and sedimentation.	T8S, R3E, Sections 33 & 34, in Big Creek and Sinker Creek drainages.	NEPA to be completed Winter/Spring 2003, and implemented in Summer 2003.	Dan Nevin (503) 375-5673
Recreation Actions			
Aquila Vista Site Improvements (EA) - Various improvements to the Aquila Vista education site including bridge installation, bus parking improvements, shelter installation and dock installation.	T 7S., R3E., Section 6, about 15 miles southeast of the city of Molalla, with in the Molalla River Recreation Corridor along the Molalla Forest Road.	Analysis ongoing	Nick Teague (503) 315-5944
Fishermen's Bend, Elkhorn Valley, and Canyon Creek Recreation Site Management Plan and EA - The Cascades Resource Area will be completing a long term Management Plan for recreation facilities and services at Fishermen's Bend, Elkhorn Valley, and Canyon Creek Recreation Sites.	Fishermen's Bend: T9S, R3E, Section 25, Willamette Meridian. Fishermen's Bend is located along the North Santiam River, approximately 32 miles east of Salem, and one mile west of Mill City, off of State Highway 22. Elkhorn Valley & Canyon Creek: T9S, R3E, Sections 7 & 9. These sites are located approximately 34 miles east of Salem, along the Little North Santiam River, up North Fork County Road.	Analysis ongoing	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908

CASCADES RESOURCE AREA			
Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Larch Mtn Scientific Educational Environment Research Area (EA) - Various improvements to the Larch Mtn. Trail System including the design and construction of about ½ mile of connecting trail; rerouting, improvement and stabilization of up to 1 mile of existing trail; improvements to trail head areas for parking; and an information kiosk.	T1S, R5E, Section 3, about 8 miles east of the city of Corbett on Larch Mtn. Road.	Analysis ongoing	Nick Teague (503) 315-5944
Wildwood Recreation Site Sewer and Water System Upgrade – Very little work has been done on Wildwood's sewer and water system since the park was constructed in the late 1960's. This project would involve upgrading components of the park's sewer and water system. It will also include adding water and sewer hook-ups for new volunteer host sites and building a small restroom for the Salmon River Shelter.	T2S., R7E, Section 31, Willamette Meridian. Wildwood is located off Highway 26, approximately 12 miles east of the City of Sandy.	Currently scooping for public comments and preparing EA.	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process requests for various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, special use permits (EA/CX/DNA)	Resource Area-wide	Ongoing.	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Watershed Analysis			
Quartzville Watershed Analysis - The Quartzville Watershed Analysis is being conducted by a BLM interdisciplinary team. The watershed includes land managed by the BLM, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as state, county and private lands.	The Quartzville Watershed begins at Green Peter Dam and continues up the northern arm of Green Peter Reservoir and ends at the headwaters of Quartzville Creek.	Completed. A copy should be available on our Salem District Website in January of 2003.	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908
Other Activities and Projects of Interest			

CASCADES RESOURCE AREA			
Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Quartzville Road Maintenance Shop Removal and Rehabilitation (EA) - Remove all structures, improvements, and man-made materials and restore site to a natural appearance.	T12S, R3E, Sections 2 & 3, on Quartzville Creek within the Quartzville Watershed	The Decision Record was signed August 6, 2002. Project has been completed.	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973

Marys Peak Resource Area			
Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Vegetation Management Actions			
Greasy Creek Thinning Timber Sale (Duffy Creek EA # OR-080-99-10) - The proposal includes commercial thinning and density management on approx. 39 acres.	T.13S., R.6W., Sec. 16, Benton Co., approx. 12 miles SW of Philomath, OR. Located in the Beaver Creek watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Project was covered in the Duffy Creek EA as Unit #1, and deferred until the Survey and Manage FEIS and ROD were signed. Sale was advertised and sold November 27, 2002.	Roy S. Majewski 503-315-5993
Old Blue Density Management (EA: OR-080-01-11) – The project area is approximately 129 acres of 40-62 year old forest in Late Successional and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, road decommissioning and road renovation	T.13S., R.7W., Secs. 5 and 7 (Benton Co.) approx. 12 miles southwest of Philomath, OR in the North Fork Alsea Watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	EA is nearly complete. Project will result in a timber sale, with proposed sale date of September, 24, 2003.	Gary Humbard 503- 315-5981
Little Boulder Commercial Thinning (EA: OR-080-01-16) - The proposed project area is approximately 177 acres of 40- to 60-year-old forest in Adaptive Management Area. Proposed activities include commercial thinning, density management, road construction and re-construction, and quarry enlargement.	T.8S., R.8W., Sec. 11 (Polk Co.) approx. 6 miles west of Falls City, OR in the Upper Siletz watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The project is proposed for FY 2004. Scoping completed. EA in preparation.	Gary Humbard 503-315-5981
North Fork Overlook Density Management (EA: OR 080-01-04) - The proposed project area is approximately 448 acres of 40- to 65- year-old forest in Late Successional and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, road decommissioning, road renovation and road improvement	T.13S., R.7W., Secs 17 and 19 (Benton Co.) approx. 11 miles southwest of Philomath, OR in the North Fork Alsea watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The project is proposed for FY 2005. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA.	Gary Humbard 503-315-5981

Marys Peak Resource Area			
Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Yaquina Head Invasive, non-native and Noxious Weed Control EA - The Bureau of Land Management, Salem District, Marys Peak Resource area is in the initial phase of developing an invasive, non-native and noxious weed environmental assessment (EA) for the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, located north of Newport Oregon. Many invasive, non-native plant species and Oregon state listed noxious weed species are established in several sites within Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area. This EA would establish a multiple year management strategy for the control of invasive non-native and noxious weed species. This EA would analyze the use of biological, mechanical (physical removal and/or burning) and chemical controls methods.	T. 10S., R. 11W., Sec(s) 29 and 30, Lincoln County	This project is in the initial phase. Completion of EA is scheduled for May 1, 2003.	Ron Exeter 503-315-5963
Parker Creek Density Management (EA: OR 080-02-04) - The proposed project area is approximately 95 acres of 50- to 70- year-old forest in Late Successional and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, road decommissioning, road renovation and conifer release within hardwood dominated stands.	T.12S., R.7W., Secs 29, 30 and 31 (Benton Co.) approx. 11 miles southwest of Philomath, OR in the North Fork Alsea watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The project is proposed for FY 2004. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA.	Gary Humbard 503- 315-5981
Mainline Commercial Thinning (EA: OR-080-0013) - The proposed project area is approximately 240 acres of 40- to 60-year-old forest in General Forest Management Area. Proposed activities include commercial thinning (100 acres), density management (140 acres), road construction (1 mile) and road decommissioning.	T.14S., R.6W., Sections 17 and 19 (Benton Co.) approx 16 mi. southwest of Philomath, OR in the Upper Alsea and Marys River fifth field watersheds. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The project is proposed for FY 2003. EA in preparation	Phil Sjoding 503-315-5980

Marys Peak Resource Area			
Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Plantation Maintenance (CX: OR 080-02-09) - This project consists of manual maintenance and manual release treatment over the period 2002 through 2004. In 2003, approx. 160 acres are proposed for manual maintenance. Competing shrubs and hardwoods around young conifer trees would be cut to maintain conifer survival and stocking. In 2004, approx. 650 acres are proposed for manual release. In addition to maintenance, conifer trees would be spaced by cutting excess conifers where needed to enhance tree growth. Species diversity would also be promoted.	Marys Peak Resource Area-wide (Marys Peak Resource Area)	A categorical exclusion has been completed and the Biological Opinion has been received from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which covers potential impacts posed by this project through FY 2003. Work on the project is planned for the summer and fall of 2003.	Kris Peterson 503-315-5958 Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961
Precommercial Thinning(PCT)/Density Management(DM)(CX: OR 080-02-09) - This project consists of PCT and DM over the period 2002 through 2004. In 2003, this project would treat approximately 200 to 600 acres by spacing conifer trees. Over-stocked stands would be thinned where needed to enhance tree growth and to promote species diversity. Seventy-two acres of 2004 treatment area is located on test sites where both cutting and harvesting of small trees is proposed.	Marys Peak Resource Area-wide (Marys Peak Resource Area)	A categorical exclusion has been completed and the Biological Opinion has been received from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which covers potential impacts posed by this project through FY 2003. Work on the project is planned for the summer and fall of 2003.	Kris Peterson 503-315-5958 Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961
Conifer Pruning (CX: OR 080-02-09) This project consists of pruning up to 282 acres of previously thinned conifers during the period 2002 through 2004. Selected previously thinned conifers would be pruned with hand tools to improve wood quality of the trees.	Marys Peak Resource Area-wide (GFMA-upland) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	No pruning is proposed for FY 2003.	Kris Peterson 503-315-5958; Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961

Marys Peak Resource Area			
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Beck Road White Oak Release (EA: OR-080-02-12)- Restore Oregon white oak component of a mixed oak/Douglas-fir stand, a diminished native habitat type, for wildlife use, aesthetics, and ecological values. The proposed action is to remove Douglas-fir overtopping oak trees, reduce density of Douglas-fir, and create small openings for establishing additional Oregon white oak trees.	T.6S., R.6W., Sec. 35, (Polk Co.) off Hwy. 22 approx. 16 mi. west of Salem, OR. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	EA is nearly complete. Project will result in a timber sale, with proposed sale date of June 2003.	Hugh Snook 503- 315-5964
Mill Creek White Oak Restoration A variety of conditions exist in the project area, and several treatment methods will be evaluated to restore and maintain meadows and Oregon white oak woodland and savanna. Methods include: Douglas-fir removal, thinning of dense young oak, and prescribed fire.	T.7S., R.6W., Sec. 5, T.7S., and R.6W., Sec. 4 (Polk Co.), just northwest of Mill Creek County Park. LSR in North Coast Adaptive Management Area. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The NEPA analysis will begin in 2003; the project is planned for 2004.	Hugh Snook 503- 315-5964
Meadow Restoration Projects, Marys Peak Resource Area. Meadow habitat has been inventoried and a variety of restoration needs have been identified. An interdisciplinary team will consider alternatives including cutting/removal of encroaching trees, prescribed fire, oak release, and native species enhancement	Several locations will be considered: T.14 S., R7 W., Sec. 31, center; T.15 S., R.7 W., Sec 7 (Prairie Mtn), T. 9 S., R.7 W., Sec. 9 (Monmouth Peak), T.12 S., R.8 W., Sec. 7 (Harlan area), T.7 S., R.7 W., Sec. 9 (Upper Mill Creek).	The project is proposed for FY 2004. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA.	Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961
Watershed Restoration Actions			
Falls-Over Project (EA: OR-080-01-17) Approximately 100 live Douglas-fir would be pulled over into the channel along a 1.3 mile stretch of the South Fork Alsea River. This is a channel restoration project with the prime objective to get large woody debris in the stream for Aquatic Conservation Strategy and watershed health reasons. The proposal includes use of draft animals.	T.14S., R.7W., Secs. 25 and 26, South Fork Alsea River, Alsea River Basin (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Project was completed in October 2002.	Steve Liebhardt 503-315-5928

Marys Peak Resource Area			
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Fish Log Donation Project (EA : OR-080-01-19) - Cooperative effort with Mid Coast Watershed Council to improve watershed conditions. Approximately 75 Douglas-fir would be felled and hauled to sites for stream restoration on private lands.	T.14S., R.7W., Sec. 17, and T.14S., R.8W., Secs. 11, 27, 28, and 29. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	EA/FONSI completed; public review period ends July 27, 2002.	Steve Liebhardt, 503-315-5928
Riparian Maintenance Conifers in ongoing conifer release projects will be released from brush. Work will be done by contract.	South Fork Lobster Cr, East Fork Lobster Cr, Lobster Cr, South Fork Alsea River, Bear Cr (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Work is expected to be done in July 2003	Steve Baldwin 503-315-6962
Alder Thinning Restoration (EA: OR 080-99-02) - Pure alder stands were thinned to a 20-foot spacing (110 trees per acre) and planted with conifers in 1993-95; the conifers need further release to maintain growth. Remaining alders are being thinned to a 30-foot spacing, leaving approx. 50 alders per acre within the project areas. Total size of project areas is approx. 20 acres in approx. 7 project areas.	South Fork Lobster Creek, East Fork Lobster Creek, Lobster Creek, South Fork Alsea River, and Bear Creek. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Ongoing. Work is expected to be completed in September 2003 by BLM personnel.	Amy Haynes 503-315-5955; Steve Baldwin 503-315-5962
Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Road Related Watershed Restoration Projects - Environmental assessment amendment to add wood to Fall Creek channel to stabilize bed load movement, and to modify Bear Creek road decommissioning to reduce impacts.	T.13S., R.8W., Secs. 6, 7 and 8; road 13-8-8.1, the Lower Alsea River Watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision completed. These projects should be completed July - September 2003.	Steve Liebhardt 503-315-5928
Fiscal Year 2002 Log Placement, Culvert and Stream Restoration - Project would place log structures into Tobe Creek and Record Creek, and replace culverts that prevent fish passage on Record Creek and a tributary to the North Fork Siletz.	T.14 S., R.7W, Section 19, T.14 S., R.8 W, Section 27, Benton County, and North Fork Siletz in T.7S., R.8W., Sec. 32, Polk Co. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision completed. Tobe Creek and North Fork Siletz anticipated for July 2003.	Steve Liebhardt 503- 315-5928 Russ Buswell 503- 315-5989 or Steve Cyrus 503- 315-5988

MARYS PEAK RESOURCE AREA			
Name/Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Multiple Projects			
Marys Peak Riparian Restoration and Road Decommissioning 2003 (EA OR 080-03-05) Conifers will be released in the Lobster Cr watershed by cutting and yarding alders. Roads will be decommissioned, primarily in the Lobster Creek watershed, but there are some other road decommissioning projects scattered through the Resource Area.	Lobster Creek, South Fork Alsea, North Fork Alsea and Luckiamute watersheds (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The NEPA analysis will begin in the winter of 2003; the project is planned for 2003/2004.	Amy Haynes, 503-315-5955 Steve Baldwin 503-315-5962
Recreation Actions			
Alsea Falls Recreation Site Management Plan - Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan to include operations and maintenance of the Alsea Falls Recreation Site. Equestrian trail and connecting route/byway between Hult Reservoir (Eugene District) and South Fork Byway (Salem District).	T.14S., R.7W., sec. 25; South Fork Alsea River (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Scoping process identifying team members and compiling current site information.	Traci Meredith, 503-315-5991
Transportation System Management Actions			
Bear Creek Decommissioning (EA: OR-080-01-10) (JITW) - (Rd. 13-8-8.1) Remove structure to pass fish and decommission 2.5 miles of road.	Fall Creek (Alsea) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Project was completed in Summer/Fall of 2002.	Steve Cyrus, 503-315-5988.
Fall Creek Culvert Replacement (EA: OR-080-01-10) - (Rd. 13-9-23.1) - Replace structure to allow fish passage that may include: Bottomless Arch or Bridge (Consider cooperative effort with WII).	Fall Creek (Alsea) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision signed June 2001. Start work anticipated in Summer 2003..	Russ Buswell, 503-315-5989.
Lower Swamp Creek Culvert Replacement (EA: OR-080-01-10) - (Rd. 14-8-24) Replace deteriorated double pipe arches with new structure(s). (Private land)	Swamp Creek (S. Fork Alsea) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Project was completed in Summer/Fall of 2002.	Steve Cyrus, 503-315-5988.

MARYS PEAK RESOURCE AREA			
Record Creek Culvert Replacement (EA: OR-080-01-10) - (Rd. 14-8-26) Replace existing culvert that does not pass fish with new fish passage culvert.	Tributary to Swamp Creek (S. Fork Alsea) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Anticipate work to be completed in Fall of 2003.	Steve Cyrus, 503-315-5988.
Other Activities and Projects of Interest			
Grass Mountain ACEC Gating Project - Extensive damage from off-road vehicles and other restricted uses are adversely impacting the values for this ACEC. Placing gates, dirt berms, waterbars, and road decommissioning will prohibit access and reduce impacts.	T.13S., R.8W., Sec. 21 (Benton Co.) in the Upper Alsea River Watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	DNA completed. Project was 95 percent completed in December, 2002.	Ron Exeter, 503-315-5963

TILLAMOOK RESOURCE AREA			
Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Land Tenure Actions			
Vegetation Management Actions			
ReBear (EA). A density management thinning of 40- to 60-year-old relatively dense Douglas-fir stands on approximately 450 acres within the Late-Successional Reserve (within the Northern Coast Range Adaptive Management Area) and Riparian Reserve LUAs. The purpose of the project is to promote development of late-seral forest habitat characteristics.	T.3S., R.7W., Sec. 5, 7, 8, 11, 12; Nestucca River and Trask River watersheds. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Preliminary decision issued November 15, 2002. Final decision documentation expected to be issued by February 2003.	Andy Pampush (503)-815-1143
Southern Flame (EA). A density management thinning of 40- to 60-year-old relatively dense Douglas-fir stands on approximately 1,000 acres within the Late-Successional Reserve (within the Northern Coast Range Adaptive Management Area) and Riparian Reserve LUAs. The purpose of the project is to promote development of late-seral forest habitat characteristics.	T.3S., R.7W., Sec. 5, 7, 8, 9, 10; T.3S., R.8W., Sec. 1; Nestucca River and Trask River watersheds. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Developing proposed action.	Katrina Symons (503) 815-1460

TILLAMOOK RESOURCE AREA			
Watershed Restoration Actions			
Multiple Projects			
Plentywater Creek (EA No. OR-086-01-01). The project includes various watershed restoration projects and vegetation management actions (thinning and regeneration harvest). The proposed project area includes portions of the Dairy and McKay Creek watersheds which are designated Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T.2N., R.2W., Sec. 7, 15, 17, 21; McKay Creek watershed (Tualatin); T.3N., R.3W., Sec. 21, 27, 29; T.2N., R.3W., Sec. 3, 9; and mainstem of Dairy Creek. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Final decisions issued July 26, 2002 (vegetation management) and September 6, 2002 (watershed restoration).	David Roche (503) 815-1128
Baker Creek (EA). The project includes various vegetation management, wildlife habitat enhancement, and watershed restoration actions within the Adaptive Management Area, Riparian Reserve and Late-Successional Reserve LUAs.	T.3S., R.6W., Sec.13, 23, 24, 25, 35, 36; T.3S., R.5W., Sec. 17, 19, 29, 31, 33; North Yamhill River watershed. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Analyzing effects.	Carolina Hooper (503) 815-1119
Recreation Actions			
Process requests for various actions such as special use permits (EA/CX/DNA).	Tillamook Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Debra Drake (503) 815-1464
Transportation System Management Actions			
Road Maintenance and Repair (EA/CX/DNA).	Tillamook Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Tim Livengood (503)815-1116
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process requests for various land uses such as right-of-ways and tailholds (EA/CX/DNA).	Tillamook Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Katrina Symons (503) 815-1460

Watershed Analysis			
Trask River Watershed Assessment and Analysis 2.0. A second iteration of the Trask River Watershed Assessment is ongoing. Work is being conducted jointly with the Oregon Department of Forestry.	Trask River Watershed (Tillamook Resource Area)	Ongoing. This document are not subject to NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)	Carolina Hooper (503) 815-1119
Salem Resource Management Plan Implementation Strategy Development			
Kutch Mountain Project Identification. An interdisciplinary team approach to project identification on a watershed-level basis (North Yamhill watershed). Potential projects include: wildlife and fish habitat improvement, road repair and maintenance, and vegetation management.	T.2S., R.5 W., Sec. 19, 31; T.3S., R.5 W., Sec. 5-7, 17; T.2S., R.6 W., Sec. 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 25-29, 33-35; and T.3S., R.6W., Sec. 1. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Anticipated to begin Spring 2003 (not subject to NEPA)	Katrina Symons @ (503) 815-1460
Other Activities and Projects of Interest			
None			

Timber Sales for the Salem District - Fiscal Year 2003

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Resource Area	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades
Timber Sale Name	Rusty Saw	Sinker Swim	Turnridge	Clear Dodger	Lulay Camp
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	T3S, R5E, Sec. 11	T8S, R3E, Sec. 27, 34 & 35	T10S, R3E, Sec. 1, 3 & 11	T4S, R4E, Sec. 13, 23, 24 & 25	T10S, R1E, Sec. 19,29 &33
Land Use Allocation	GFMA & Riparian Reserve	GFMA & Riparian Reserve	GFMA & Connectivity	GFMA	GFMA & Riparian Reserve
Proposed Harvest Type	Commercial Thinning	Partial Cut & Commercial Thinning	Regeneration, Partial Cut & CT	Partial Cut & Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning
Anticipated Acreage Involved	133	158	175	200	200
Anticipated Volume (CCF)	3,128	4,649	5,450	2,900	2,900
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	1,671	2,943	3,200	1,700	1,700
Probable Sale Offering Date	April, 2003	March, 2003	July, 2003	July, 2003	August, 2003
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	No	No
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA - Completed; Decision Protested and Appealed. No Stay granted by IBLA	EA – Completed	EA – Completed	EA – In Preparation	EA – In Preparation
Items of Special Interest	In Key Watershed				
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	Went NO BID in 9/01.	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation
Contact Person's Name	Bob Hershey	Bob Hershey	Keith Walton	Randy Herrin	Keith Walton
Contact Person's Number	(503) 315-5931	(503) 315-5931	(503) 375-5676	(503) 315-5924	(503) 375-5676

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Resource Area	Cascades	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Marys Peak
Timber Sale Name	Roaring River	Greasy Creek	Finley Hill Salvage	Beck Road	Mainline Thin
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	T11S, R1E, Sec. 1	T13S, R6W, SEC 17	T13S, R6W, SEC 35	T6S, R6W, Sec 35	T14S, R6W, Sec 17 & 19
Land Use Allocation	GFMA & Riparian Reserve	GFMA & Riparian Reserve	GFMA	AMA	GFMA & Riparian Reserve
Proposed Harvest Type	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning / Density Mgmt	Salvage	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning / Density Mgmt
Anticipated Acreage Involved	200	39	2	28	158
Anticipated Volume (CCF)	2,900	963	80	800	3,750
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	1,700	504	52	500	2,200
Probable Sale Offering Date	August, 2003	November, 2002	March, 2003	May, 2003	July, 2003
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	YES	No	No
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA – In Preparation	EA - Completed	EA – In Preparation	EA – In Preparation	EA – In Preparation
Items of Special Interest				Oak restoration	
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	In Preparation	SOLD	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation
Contact Person's Name	Carolyn Sands	Roy Majewski	Andy Frazier	Hugh Snook	Phil Sjoding
Contact Person's Number	(503) 315-5973	(503) 315-5993	(503) 315-5979	(503) 315-5964	(503) 315-5980

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Resource Area	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook
Timber Sale Name	Dawson Thin	Old Blue Thin	Scoggins Creek	Plentywater	Re-Bear
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	T14S, R6W, Sec 17	T13S, R7W, Sec 5 & 7	T1S, R5W, Sec 3, 5, 9, & 15	T2N, R3W, Sec 3; T2N, R2W, Secs 15,21; T3N,R3W, Sec 27	T3S, R7W, Secs 5,7,8,11,12
Land Use Allocation	GFMA	Late Successional Reserve/ Riparian Reserve	AMA/ Riparian Reserve	GFMA/ Riparian Reserve	AMR/ Riparian Reserve
Proposed Harvest Type	Commercial Thinning	Density Mgmt	Density Mgmt	Regeneration/ Commercial Thinning/ Density Mgmt	Density Management
Anticipated Acreage Involved	73	129	475	209	450
Anticipated Volume (CCF)	1,800	3,600	13,613	6,880	9,460
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	1,100	2,000	5,691	4,000	5,500
Probable Sale Offering Date	July, 2003	Sept., 2003	October, 2002	April, 2003	September, 2003
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	No	No
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA – In Preparation	EA – In Preparation	EA – Completed	EA - Completed	EA- Completed
Items of Special Interest			Sale is a re-offer of previously offered sale.	In Urban Interface	In Key Watershed Sale contains some re-offered volume from a previously offered sale (Borderline Bear).
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	In Preparation	In Preparation	SOLD	In preparation	In preparation
Contact Person's Name	Phil Sjoding	Gary Humbard	Bill Wais	Bill Wais	Bill Wais

Contact Person's Number	(503) 315-5980	(503) 315-5981	(503) 815-1135	(503) 815-1135	(503) 815-1135
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